

REMARKS

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-14 and 17-19 have been canceled, Claims 15 and 16 have been amended and new Claims 20-33 have been added. Support for the amendment to Claims 15 and 16 can be found, for example, at page 4, lines 14-22, page 27, line 19 to page 28, line 6 and page 43, lines 9-17.

Support for new Claims 20, 21, 27 and 28 is found, for example, at page 30, lines 20-26 and page 43, lines 15-24.

Support for new Claims 22 and 29 is found, for example, at page 43, lines 24-25.

Support for new Claims 23 and 30 is found, for example, at page 6, lines 12-22.

Support for new Claims 24 and 31 is found, for example, at page 30, lines 20-21.

Support for new Claims 25, 26, 32 and 33 is found, for example, at page 34, lines 8-17.

The amendments to the claims and the new claims are supported by the subject application as originally filed. Therefore, this Amendment adds no new matter.

Reply to Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated January 26, 2006, the claims of Group V (Claims 15-16), defined by the Examiner as being drawn to a method of treating a condition in a patient characterized by activation of an inflammatory cytokine cascade comprising administering a polypeptide comprising an HMGB A box that specifically binds to an HMGB B box, are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes,
Applicant hereby elects HMG1L1 A box as the species of HMGB A box polypeptide. Claims
readable on the elected species are Claims 15, 16 and new Claims 20-33.

Respectfully submitted,

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